



You have the power to
prevent gang violence.

Why Kids Join Gangs

There are numerous reasons why at-risk youth join gangs. For example, they are attracted to gangs because of the **recognition** they receive, the sense of **identity** gangs offer to their members and the feeling of safety and protection.

Other reasons why children are easily tempted to join gangs are:

- Fellowship and brotherhood
- Intimidation
- The opportunity to make money

Early Warning Signs

If your child all of a sudden begins demonstrating **rebellious behavior** at school and at home or starts **changing friends**, you should be aware that these are two of several early warning signs of gang influence.

Additional early warning signs of gang pressure on your children include:

- Having large sums of money or new expensive items that are not easily explained
- Missing school and staying out late
- Experimental drug use
- Poor family bonding

Telltale Signs of Gang Involvement

There are various telltale signs that may indicate your child is involved with gangs. These range from possession of **weapons**, wearing gang **clothes** or colors and excessive **cursing** or **swearing**.

Further telltale signs of gang involvement include:

- Gang graffiti on your child's bedroom walls
- Contact with law enforcement agencies or probation officers
- Participating in gang initiation or rite of passage activities

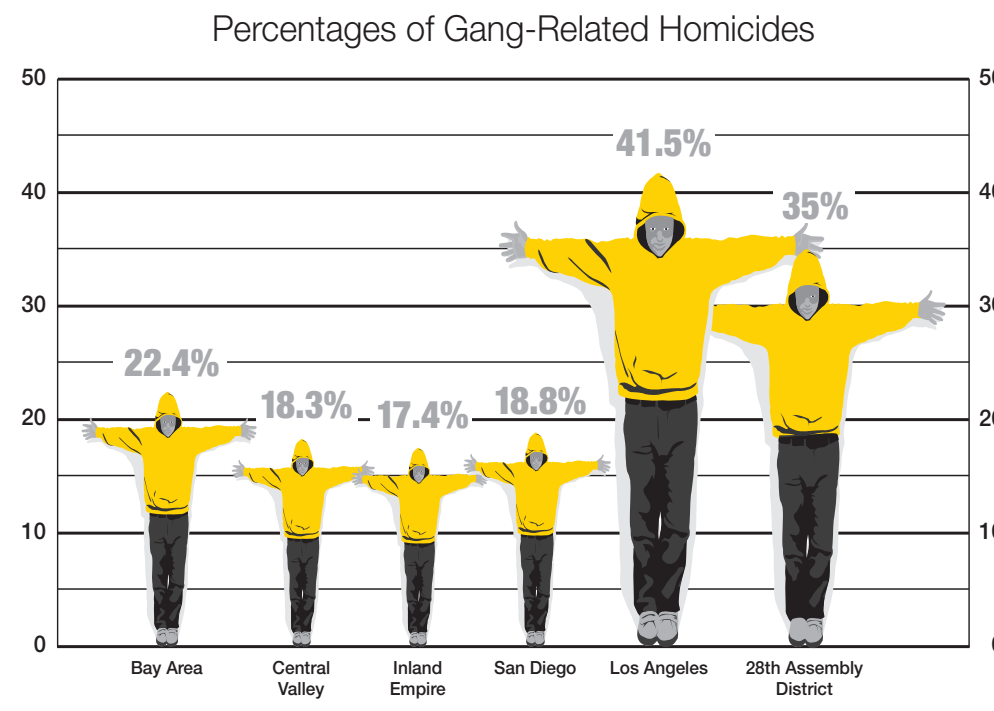


Democrats in the Assembly are Working Hard to Protect At-Risk Youth

The Homicide Intervention Programs (AB 658) — Use prevention, social intervention, treatment and community mobilization when it comes to reducing gang-related homicides.

(AB 1381) — Establishes the office of Statewide Violence & Gang Prevention.

(AB 1033) — Punishes anyone who tries to recruit kids into gangs.



SOURCE: California Department of Justice: Criminal Justice Statistics Center Homicide Crimes, 2005

Local Resources

Partners For Peace (831) 751-7310 www.partners-for-peace.org	CA National Guard Grizzly Youth Academy (805) 782-6880 or 1-800-926-0643 www.ngycp.org/ca
2nd Chance Youth & Family Services (831) 758-2501 www.scyp.org	Monterey County Probation Silver Star Program (831) 796-1641 www.gangtaskforce.org/silverstar.htm
Monterey County Joint Gang Task Force Anonymous Crime Tip Line (831) 758-7400	Rancho Cielo, Inc. www.ranchocielosalinas.com (831) 444-3503



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against gangs.

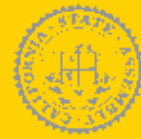
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Everyday, children succumb
to the violent lifestyle of gangs out of
pressure and a sense of belonging. The
impact of gang violence has torn apart
too many California families and the toll
keeps rising. **With your help, the
legislature can reach a common
goal by preventing gang influence
in California's schools and
neighborhoods.** Use this brochure as a
tool to engage your children and be aware
of the warning signs of gangs and gang
activity. Become *part of the solution*
and take an active role in your child's life.
You have the *power to stop* the immense
pressure put on your kids by gangs.



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